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HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 170 fires have been reported this year. Total acreage burned is 39,819.2 acres. 2 new fires were reported yesterday, one was in the Fairbanks area, the other was in the Mat-Su area. There are 10 active fires in the state; 1 is on the military lands, 1 in the Tanana Zone, 3 in the Fairbanks area, 1 in Tok, 2 in the Mat-Su area and, 2 in the Upper Yukon Zone. All are being monitored closely.
- The Mooseheart Fire acreage remains at 19,790 acres. The Chena Hotshots have set up their new camp and are beginning allotment protection east of the Chitanana River, west of the Cosna and south of the Tanana River. The Tanana 1&2 crews completed allotment protection on the Tanana River Peninsula. AFS Fire Service Specialists are working on the fire. Six smokejumpers were released on Thursday.
- 19 personnel are at the fire in the Division of Forestry land in the Mat-Su area. The fire has been declared controlled and contained. Tentative demob is scheduled for Friday.
- A Red Flag Warning has been posted for a portion of central interior Alaska.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm

- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <u>http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc</u>
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov

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